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1. In Addis Ababa the USSR government maintains a huge publicity center which is apparently a propaganda headquarters not only for Ethiopia but for all of East Africa. At least 290 Soviet agents are definitely known to have been in the city within the past two or three years. Displays of thousands of photographs and posters are employed in bringing the propaganda message to the illiterate Ethiopians.

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2. Another very effective means of Communist influence in Addis Ababa is the large hospital operated by the USSR. Ethiopians are given treatment at very low cost, and sometimes even free, with Communist propaganda being dispensed along with medical treatment.

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3. Adjacent areas, particularly British East Africa, are vulnerable to Communist influence from Addis Ababa because the British authorities are powerless to control the extended border. The growing influence of Communism in Kenya and Uganda has been traced to this center at Addis Ababa, and no effective means has yet been devised to stop it.

4. There is very strong anti-foreign and particularly anti-British feeling in Ethiopia. In spite of the fact that Emperor Haile Selassie took refuge in London throughout the Italian occupation of his country and that it was British troops who liberated Ethiopia, there was no mention of Great Britain in the ceremonies attending the 11th anniversary of the liberation, held on 5 May 52. Even in the Emperor's own speech at that occasion, he spoke of the liberation of his country by the Ethiopian Army.

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